New Railway Track Nykirke, Norway

CPTU combined with block sampling resulted in cost saving solutions for new Railway link Oslo to south Norway

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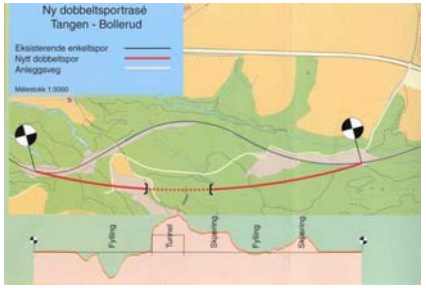
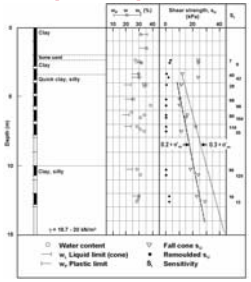
New double track route



Results of standard soil boring with 54 mm composite piston sample



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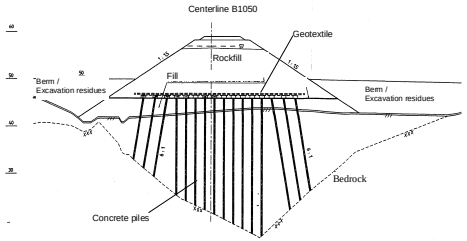
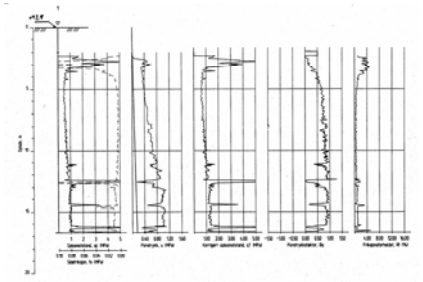
Solution proposed in tender documents



Results of CPTU; Nykirke Railway Track



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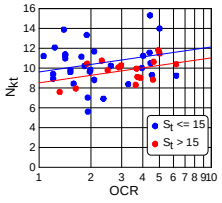
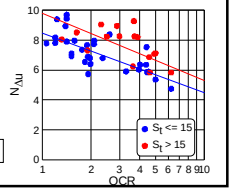
Undrained shear strength from CAUC triaxial tests on Sherbrooke block samples





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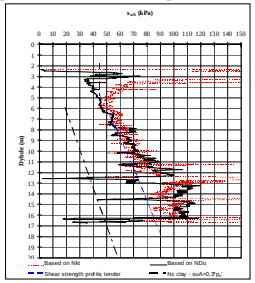
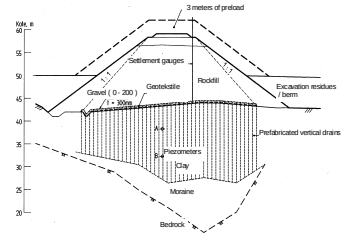
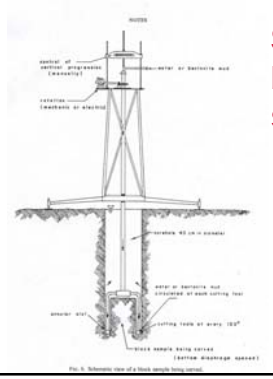
Undrained shear strength profile (s_{uA}), Nykirke Railway Track



Nykirke Railway Track, chosen solution





Sherbrooke block sampler

Lefebvre and Poulin, 1979

4.2a The drill rig used to operate the block sampler

42b Close up view of Sherbrooke block sampler

Block sampling with Sherbrooke sampler

Sampler is lowered into borehole

Sample as recovered

Spoil is gently removed by hand

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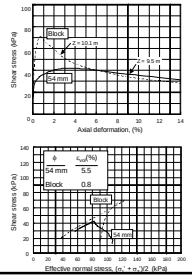
Complete sample prior to protection

sample initially protected by cling film, tin foil and tape, finally being waxed

Sample ready for transportation

Results of CAUC tests on block and 54 mm piston samples; Nykirke Railway Track



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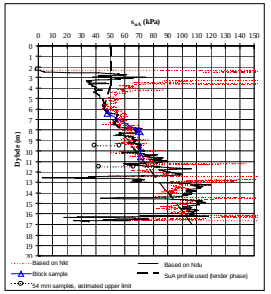

Case history Nykirke railway track

Upgraded shear strength profile resulted in possible change in technical solution

From stability viewpoint not neccessary with piles to rock

- Settlements could be taken care of by vertical drainage combined with preloading
- Total cost savings of about USD 1.2 mill or 25 % of total contract cost

Nykirke Railway Track Placement of prefabricated vertical drain

Nykirke Railway Track Placement of geotextile and 0.3 m gravel

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Placement of preload rock fill

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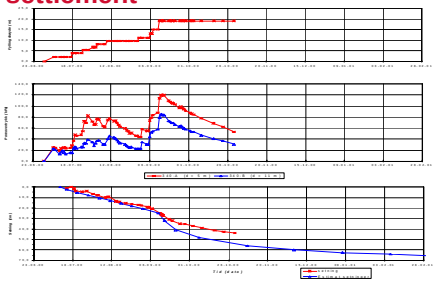
Measured pore pressures and settlement



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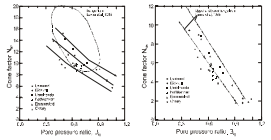

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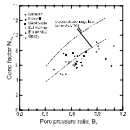

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